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REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 14-23 are pending in the application. The Examiner further noted that claims 14-17 stand rejected and that claims 18-23 are allowed. The Applicant has herein amended claim 14 to more clearly define and claim the invention of the Applicant and not in response to prior art.

In view of the amendments presented above and the following discussion, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 14-17 now presently in the application comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 101 and are patentable thereunder. Thus, the Applicant believes that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

Rejections

A. 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claims are directed to a recording medium storing nonfunctional descriptive material.

In response the Applicant has amended claim 14 to now include and claim two physically different areas of a storage medium, ROM and RAM, configured in accordance with the present invention. More specifically, the Applicant in claim 14 specifically claims a storage medium including a read-only memory area of said storage medium storing a first data section of the set of data and a read/write memory area of said storage medium storing second data section of the set of data. In the invention of the Applicant as claimed by at least claim 14, the set of data includes language-independent data and language-dependent data and at least a part of the set of data is able to be processed in a handling device either in a first processing form related to a first language, or in at least one other processing form different from said first processing form and related to a second language different from said first language. In addition, the language-independent data and language-dependent data which are related to the first language are included in the first data section, and the language-dependent data which are related to the second language are included in the second data section. Even further, in the invention of the Applicant as claimed by at least the Applicant's claim

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14, for the at least one other processing form, data from the second data section as well as data from the first data section are used.

In the invention of the Applicant, at least with respect to claim 14, the storage medium is configured to inventively store the language-independent data and language-dependent data which are related to the first language in the first data section in the read-only memory, and to store the language-dependent data which are related to the second language in the second data section in the read/write memory area.

Having claimed a novel physical structure for the storage medium of claim 14, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Applicant's amended claim 14 now satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101 and is patentable thereunder.

Furthermore, dependent claims 15-17 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 14 and recite additional features thereof. The Applicant respectfully submits that at least because the Applicant's claim 14 is patentable, the Applicant's claims 15-17 also satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101 and are patentable thereunder.

Applicant's note

The Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner has had ample opportunity to search the Applicant's claims 14-17 and that amended claim 14 does not claim new matter and as such should not require an additional search and should be entered into the record as amended in this response to the Final Office Action.

Conclusion

Thus the Applicant submits that claims 14-17, presently in the application, comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 101 and are patentable thereunder. Consequently, the Applicant believes that all the Applicant's claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application,

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or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,

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